

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3484

To provide for a delay in the phase out of the hospice budget neutrality adjustment factor under title XVIII of the Social Security Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

Mr. SPECTER (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. SMITH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Hospice Protection Act
5 of 2008".

6 **SEC. 2. DELAY IN PHASE OUT OF THE HOSPICE BUDGET**
7 **NEUTRALITY ADJUSTMENT FACTOR.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including
9 the provisions contained in the final rule published on Au-



1 gust 8, 2008, on pages 46464 through 46522 of volume
2 73, Federal Register (relating to part 418 of title 42, Code
3 of Federal Regulations), the Secretary of Health and
4 Human Services shall not take any action to phase out
5 or eliminate the budget neutrality adjustment factor in the
6 Medicare hospice wage index prior to October 1, 2009.

